

Amendments to the Specification{tc "Amendments to the Specification"}

Please amend the paragraph found at page 5 line 26 as follows:

The solid core 3 extends throughout the outer tubing 2 and extends beyond the first intermediate position to the distal end 9 of the guidewire. At the first intermediate position 6, or slightly beyond it at a second intermediate position 7 towards the distal end 9, the solid core 3 commences a taper. The taper ends at a third intermediate position 8. The solid core ~~[[8]]~~ 3 terminates at the distal end in a `mushroom` configuration where it is welded, brazed or otherwise fixed or bonded to the tightly wound coil 4.

Please amend the paragraph found at page 8 line 7 as follows:

Preferably, the guidewire is provided with reference markings at predetermined positions along its length. With reference to FIG. 3, the guidewire 1 preferably includes a first reference mark 30 at a distance of 340 mm from the distal end ~~[[5]]~~ 9 and a second reference mark 31 at a distance of 215 mm from the distal end. The function of the reference marks will become apparent from the description hereinafter.